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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"They are liable to be transferred."

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"For how many years has he been holding the same post there? Do not the Government consider that he should be transferred?"

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know if the exemption granted to this particular doctor was at the instance of the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"No, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Was the Government previously informed by the Surgeon-General before exemption was granted?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I want notice."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Will the Government be prepared to grant similar concession to others as well?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"As I said, it is not the Government that gives permission. The Surgeon-General has to be moved in the matter."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know if the Surgeon-General has ever consulted the Government before he gave that concession?"

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Was that permission conditional?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"The Surgeon-General says that there is no objection to the permission given in the case of this officer."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know whether the Superintendent of the General Hospital (Lieut.-Col. Bradfield) brought to the notice of the Government and the Surgeon-General that owing to the running of the nursing home by this officer, the work of the General Hospital has suffered very much? And is the Government satisfied that the exemption granted to this medical officer is in consonance with the rules regulating the medical service?"

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"In view of these discussions, will the hon. Minister be pleased to cancel the exemption granted?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"No, Sir."

Qualifications of the Honorary Cardiologist in the Madras General Hospital.

* 278-A *Q.*—Mr. C. BASU DEV: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed an Honorary Cardiologist to the Madras Government General Hospital and whether he is in independent and sole charge of that department;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are his special qualifications to fill that post;

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(c) whether the Honorary Cardiologist has had any opportunity of studying the science recently either in England or on the continent; and

(d) when did this gentleman visit the western countries, if any, and in what capacity?

A.—(a) The hon. Member has apparently in view the appointment of M.R.Ry. T. Krishna Menon Avargal, M.B.C.M. (Mad.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), Honorary Physician, Government General Hospital, Madras, as Honorary Lecturer in Cardiology and Hæmotology, in the Madras Medical College. This Lecturer is not, however, in charge of any special department for Cardiology in the Government General Hospital, Madras.

(b) His special qualifications are that he has undergone post-graduate study in England in the following hospitals:—

(1) Charing Cross Hospital, London.
(2) Brompton Hospital for diseases of chest.
(3) West London (Post-Graduate) Hospital.
(4) Mount Vernon Hospital, London.

Since appointment as Honorary Physician, Government General Hospital, Madras, he has been working in the special subject under the directions of the Professor of Medicine, Medical College, Madras, as there are facilities for the study of the subjects at the General Hospital.

(c) He has had no occasion to visit England or Continent recently.

(d) He visited England in 1913 and was then a post-graduate student there.

Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar:—"May I know whether in the case of Provincial Service officers such as Professor of Physiology, Madras Medical College, Professor of Bacteriology, Madras Medical College, Professor of Pharmacology, Madras Medical College, Lecturer in Operative Surgery, Vizagapatam Medical College, appointments have been made subject to this rule, viz., that within five years they must qualify themselves for the post by passing higher examinations. May I know whether that is not the rule?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"That rule applies only with reference to paid appointments. In the case of these honorary appointments the Surgeon-General has got the discretion to appoint such men as he thinks best."

Appointment of a lecturer in Cardiology.

* 278-B Q.—Mr. H. M. Jagannatham: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) why a lectureship in Cardiology was created this year in the Madras Medical College, and whether the same was advertised;

(b) how many candidates applied for the place;